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TOWN OF WARREN RHODE ISLAND THIRD AMENDED DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Whereas, the State of Rhode Island has declared as state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19, as set forth in Executive Order 20-02 issued by Governor Gina M. Raimondo on March 9, 2020, and

Whereas, RIGL §§ 30-15-12(b) and 30-15-13 as well as Section 3.11 of the Warren Town Charter, all authorize the Town Council President to declare a state of emergency in the Town of Warren in the event of, among other things, an event which endangers the public health and safety, and

Whereas, it appears that the public health and safety of the Town of Warren is in imminent danger due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including but not limited to the number of cases COVID-19 reported to date in Rhode Island, and

Whereas, a declaration of emergency for the Town of Warren was issued on March 15, 2020 by Town Council President Keri M. Cronin, and

Whereas, the first amended declaration of emergency for the Town of Warren was issued on March 19, 2020 by the Warren Town Council, and

Whereas, the second amended declaration of emergency for the Town of Warren was issued on March 23, 2020 by Council President Keri M. Cronin

Whereas, the number of cases of COVID-19 continue to grow in the State of Rhode Island

Now Therefore, I, Keri M. Cronin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Warren Town Council, by and through Section 3.11 of the Warren Town Charter, and RIGL §§ 30-15-12(b) and 30-15-13, do hereby supplement the declaration of emergency for the Town of Warren dated March 15, 2020, the first amended declaration of emergency dated March 19, 2020 and the second amended declaration of emergency dated March 23, 2020 as follows:

1. All Warren residents are required to stay at home unless traveling to work, traveling for medical treatment or obtaining necessities (food, medicine, gas, etc.). Warren residents may still go outside to exercise and get fresh air, however,

they must practice social distancing while outside and avoid touching surfaces frequently touched by others.

2. Any Warren employer with employees who live in other states shall use all means available to enable these employees to telecommute or make other work-from-home arrangements. This provision shall not apply to public health, public safety, or healthcare workers.

3. Gatherings of more than five (5) people are prohibited in Warren. Gatherings subject to this restriction include, but are not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, or faith-based events, sporting events with spectators, concerts, conventions, fundraisers, parades, fairs, festivals, and any other similar activity that brings together more than five (5) people at the same time.

4. All non-critical retail businesses shall cease in-person operations. Critical retail businesses include, but are not limited to, food and beverage stores (e.g., supermarkets, liquor, specialty food, convenience stores, farmers' markets, food banks and pantries), pharmacies and medical supply stores, compassion centers, pet supply stores, printing shops, mail and delivery stores and operations, gas stations, Laundromats, electronics and telecommunication stores, office supply, industrial and agricultural/seafood equipment and supply stores, hardware stores, funeral homes, auto repair and supply, banks and credit unions, firearms stores, healthcare and public safety professional uniform stores, and other stores and businesses identified as critical by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation. Restaurants will be permitted to operate only for pickup, drive-through, and delivery in accordance with previous Executive Orders from Governor Raimondo and Town of Warren declarations of emergency.

5. Article XIII of the Warren Town Code, entitled "Reusable Carryout Bag Initiative", specifically Sections 11-364 through 11-368, are hereby suspended, and the use of single-use plastic bags by retail businesses, are hereby allowed for the duration of this third amended declaration of emergency.

6. All of the other provisions of the declaration of emergency, first amended declaration of emergency and second amended declaration of emergency not amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

7. This third amended declaration of emergency shall remain in full force and effect until midnight on April 14, 2020, but is subject to renewal pursuant to law after that time.

So Ordered:



Keri M. Cronin

President, Warren Town Council